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TAGS: PFOR OVIP AF US

SUBJECT: NAIM VISIT

REFERENCE: KABUL 2834 AND 2845

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES FORMAL COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR NAIM VISIT. RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY AND WILL REQUIRE COORDINATION WITH WHITE HOUSE.

2. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW JOINT "CONCLUDING PRESS STATEMENT" WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AND WOULD NOT BE IN KEEPING WITH STANDARD PRACTICE FOR VISITS OF THIS NATURE. PRESS WILL BE BRIEFED ON NAIM'S CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARED, OF COURSE, TO SHARE GUIDANCE GIVEN PRESS WITH AFGHANS.

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3. AFGHANS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT INDIVIDUAL USG OFFICIALS ARE PROHIBITED BY FOREIGN GIFTS AND DECORATIONS ACT OF 1966 FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS VALUED IN EXCESS OF DOLS 50.

ANY SUCH GIFTS MUST EITHER BE DECLINED OR TURNED OVER TO GOVERNMENT FOR CUSTODY. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT HOPES EMBASSY CAN DISCOURAGE AFGHANS FROM PRESENTING INDIVIDUAL GIFTS TO OFFICIALS WITH WHOM NAIM WILL MEET. (FYI: EVEN ON STATE VISITS, EXCHANGE OF GIFTS HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY TONED DOWN IN PAST FEW YEARS. AFGHANS MAY FIND A SINGLE GIFT FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT TO OURS POSSIBLY KEYED TO BICENTENNIAL MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE AND COULD BE USED FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES.)

4. PLEASE ADVISE. ROBINSON

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